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## PRESS RELEASE

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Subject: Fox Tests Positive for the Rabies Virus

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The Peninsula Health District is notifying residents in the area of the 100 block of Woods Course Drive, in Kingsmill, James City County, that a fox has tested positive for the rabies virus.

Anyone having information regarding any exposure to this animal (bite, scratch or contact with saliva by open wound or eyes, nose, mouth) is asked to contact the Williamsburg Health Department at 757-253-4813. Exposures also include direct contact between your pet and the rabid animal. After hours, please contact Animal Control at 757-565-0370.

Rabies is a fatal, but preventable, disease that is carried by mammals and has been in the wild animal population on the Peninsula since the mid 1980's. Our local office of Environmental Health Services will be contacting the immediate neighbors as well as any civic or homeowner's association that serves the community.

The Peninsula Health District reminds all citizens to follow these three important rabies prevention guidelines:

1. Vaccinate your pets.
2. Report all exposures to animals (usually bites and scratches) to your doctor and the local health department.
3. Enjoy wildlife from a distance – don't feed or encourage wild animals such as raccoons, skunks or foxes to visit your premises.

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